

school program and holiday meals and gifts. It is a testament to talent and commitment of the volunteers, staff, and supporters who make Our Daily Bread's what it is today; an organization with the foresight and readiness to take on new problems, while continuing to deliver on core initiatives.

Today, Our Daily Bread provides critical services to the elderly, the working poor, the disabled and the homeless in the Fairfax area. In 2010, Our Daily Bread provided food assistance to 425 families, an 18% increase from the previous year. In addition, 333 families benefited from financial assistance and over 385 families took part in financial literacy training and mentoring, a 73% increase over last year. 4,584 families were served by the holiday program, and 337 children received supplies for school. Over half of those assisted by our Daily Bread's program were children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Our Daily Bread for their commitment to the community. I would also to express my sincere gratitude to the volunteers and staff who contribute their time and energy and also to the Fairfax area business community for the support they provide to this worthwhile cause.

A TRIBUTE TO MAUREEN WALSH,
29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2011

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our nation's most distinguished women during the month of March.

Today I pay tribute to Maureen Walsh of Glendale. Along with a successful career in marketing and press relations, from which she is now retired, Maureen has always found time in her life to volunteer. A native New Yorker, when she moved to Glendale in 1988, she became active on the Women's Committee of the Glendale Symphony Orchestra, where she worked on a program that brought music to students in Glendale schools.

For the last several years, Maureen has been enthusiastically involved with the Cabrini Literary Guild in Glendale. The Cabrini Literary Guild is a philanthropic organization organized in 1943, whose mission is to raise funds to support various charities in the Glendale area, such as Loaves & Fishes, YWCA of Glendale, literacy programs, as well as to promote a Writing Award Program with the high schools in the Catholic Diocese of Los Angeles. A member since 1994 and a board member since 1995, Maureen has held the offices of Membership Chair, Writing Awards Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and President. Currently she is First Vice President in charge of programs at the association's monthly meetings and is a participant in the Guild's annual fundraisers.

Maureen joined Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center's Guild in 1999 and went on their board shortly afterward. The Guild's mission is to financially support the Medical Center with its fundraising by making annual pledges—profits from the Gift Gallery and the Guild's annual benefits help make it possible

for the Guild to provide these monetary pledges. Maureen has served as First Vice President and Press Chairman of the Guild, and has acted as Chair or Co-Chair of the annual fundraising events, and is currently involved in the operations of the Gift Gallery.

One of Ms. Walsh's most rewarding activities at the Medical Center is her participation in the Pets with Purpose program. She accompanies her poodle/bichon mix dog, Beau, a participant for nearly five years, as he "makes his rounds" visiting patients in the medical center two Saturdays a month. Maureen is delighted to have the opportunity to help impact the patients' lives and to see the happiness that Beau's visits bring.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Maureen Walsh, for her service to the community.

TRIBUTE TO NATHANIEL
PETERSON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a South Carolinian who works every day to make his community a better place for all its residents. Nathaniel Peterson is a well-respected community leader in the Myrtle Beach area and is especially effective as Worshipful Master of Silver Star Lodge No. 333. I believe Mr. Peterson is deserving of our appreciation.

Nathaniel Peterson was born and raised in New York City. He studied at the State University of New York at Buffalo. He worked for nearly a decade with New York City Human Resources Administration/EVR as a Fraud Investigator before relocating to North Myrtle Beach. He currently serves as a financial counselor at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center/Hospital Corporation of America, a position that reflects his dedication to helping others.

When he came to North Myrtle Beach in 2003, Mr. Peterson saw opportunities to be of benefit to the community. He immediately joined Silver Star Lodge No. 333, and within four years was elected Worshipful Master. During his three and half years as the Lodge's leader, Mr. Peterson has organized various events which provide assistance, as well as, recognize individual achievements within the community.

His giving spirit has prompted Mr. Peterson to sponsor a holiday toy drive and initiate outreach programs for families in need. He continues to sponsor the Lodge's annual food drive. He is also responsible for developing the "The 100 Men in Black Unity Service." This program honors men of all creeds regardless of lodge affiliation.

Mr. Peterson believes in giving back to his community, and looks for opportunities to honor others who are doing good works. He has recognized clergy, senior citizens, widows/widowers, teachers, and government officials within the community for their commendable services.

He is also passionate about providing opportunities to young people. In addition to recognizing students for their outstanding aca-

demic achievement, Mr. Peterson began an annual scholarship program in 2009. Each year, the scholarship program assists a graduating high school student achieve his or her dream of going to college.

Wherever there is a need in the community, Mr. Peterson helps to find a way to address it. He recently encouraged members of his Masonic lodge to join him in restoring the home of an elderly woman and her disabled son in the Popular community. He is also a sponsor of the March of Dimes and the Paul Chester Children's Hope Foundation.

Besides his tremendous work with the Silver Star Lodge No. 333, Mr. Peterson is also affiliated with the Holy Royal Arch Masons (Harry T. Ross Chapter No. 54); John O' Floyd Consistory No. 189; A.E.A.O.N.M.S. Shriner Kaaba No. 89; Member of the Order of the Eastern Star Moonlight Chapter No. 168; Knights of Pythagoras Youth Organization JT. Chestnut Council No. 46; and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (Conway/Myrtle Beach Alumni)

Mr. Peterson and his wife, Erica, are the proud parents of five beautiful children, which include two sets of twins; Brittany and Briana, 21, Brandon, 16, and Jared and Jordan, 12.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in applauding the community service of Nathaniel Peterson. To all who know him, Mr. Peterson is an encouraging, inspiring, and persistent individual who works tirelessly to improve the quality of life for others. His leadership is a guiding light in the Myrtle Beach community.

JAMES VASQUEZ AND CHRIS
WEAVER TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize James Vasquez and Chris Weaver for their accomplishments at Pueblo Community College. Both were awarded Rising Star Awards, which are given to students demonstrating leadership and academic excellence.

Mr. Vasquez is president of the Pueblo Community College associated student government, and participates in a number of other extracurricular activities. Most notably, he led the school's Thanksgiving food drive, which helped 206 students in need. During that semester he also maintained a 3.2 GPA as a single parent.

Mr. Weaver also held an exemplary GPA and served as vice-president of the associated student government, under Mr. Vasquez. He also represents the school government at the State Student Advisory Council and was named the board's legislative liaison to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize James Vasquez and Chris Weaver for their accomplishments in higher education. There is no doubt they will continue to be leaders in their communities.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ALFRED
EMIL KLINGENFUS

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, on March 10, 2011, Alfred "Al" Klingenfus of Crestwood, Kentucky passed away after a lifetime of humbly serving the people of Oldham County.

Mr. Klingenfus was born in 1918 in Crestwood, and graduated from Crestwood High School.

In addition to being a lifelong dairy farmer, he served for decades on the Oldham County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Committee and the Oldham County Zoning Appeals Board. He also played a key role in establishing the Oldham County Water District.

In 2008, Mr. Klingenfus was named one of the county's "Living Treasures" by the Oldham Era newspaper and the Oldham County Historical Society.

He was the loving husband of his wife, Etta, for more than sixty-six years, the father of five sons, the grandfather of eleven, and the great-grandfather of twelve.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Al's extended family and his many friends as they mourn his loss and celebrate his life.

IN RECOGNITION OF U.S. ARMY
MAJOR GENERAL (RETIRED)
ROBERT C. GASKILL AND U.S.
MARINE CORPS MASTER GUN-
NERY SERGEANT (RETIRED)
JOHN W. JONES JR.

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Prince William County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and its 2011 "Salute to Veterans" Freedom Fund Banquet. U.S. Army Major General (Retired) Robert C. Gaskill and U.S. Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sergeant (Retired) John W. Jones Jr. will receive special recognition at the banquet for their service to our nation.

The NAACP was established in 1909 to eliminate racial prejudice and remove barriers of racial discrimination that prevent equal opportunity for all members of society. The Prince William County Chapter seeks to implement outreach initiatives, educational programs and victim services that address issues of discrimination in the local community. The local chapter hosts an annual Freedom Fund Banquet to raise funds to support the chapter's activities. This year, the program will honor veterans of the United States armed forces.

It is my honor to join the Prince William County Chapter of the NAACP in giving special recognition to two veterans and residents of Prince William County, Major General Gaskill and Master Gunnery Sergeant Jones.

General Gaskill was born in Yonkers, N.Y., on April 12, 1931, to John and Armania

Gaskill. The Gaskill family later moved to Arlington, Va. General Gaskill completed Reserve Officer Training as a Distinguished Military Graduate, and received a bachelor of science in business administration from Howard University in 1952. He was commissioned into one of the last all-black battalions in the United States Army. General Gaskill had a distinguished and decorated career in the Army before his retirement in 1981, to which he credits the support of his late wife Erotida Gaskill. General Gaskill is a Life Member of the NAACP, member of Unity in the Community, and an elder at his church.

Sergeant Jones was born in Memphis, Tenn., on September 3, 1930, to Mattie and John W. Jones, Sr. Sergeant Jones' mother passed away when he was nine, and he was raised by Laura Belle Jones, his father's second wife. In 1956, Sergeant Jones joined the United States Marine Corps. While in the Marine Corps, Sergeant Jones went to night school to complete his high school degree and enrolled in college courses. His service in the Corps included tours in the 1958 Lebanon Crisis and the Vietnam War. Sergeant Jones is married to the former Anne Tankins of Quantico. He is active in the NAACP and volunteers in his church, First Mount Zion Baptist Church, where he serves as Deacon Emeritus and sings in the choir.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Prince William County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and its 2011 "Salute to Veterans" Freedom Fund Banquet. I extend my personal appreciation to Major General U.S.A. (Retired) Robert C. Gaskill and Master Gunnery Sergeant U.S.M.C. (Retired) John W. Jones, Jr. for their service and sacrifice on behalf of our country.

EDI SHELDON TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Edi Sheldon of Walsenburg, Colorado. Ms. Sheldon worked for several years in the Huerfano County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Committee before serving as mayor of Walsenburg.

Ms. Sheldon grew up in the small town of Walsenburg before moving to Alamosa with her husband, Frank. In Alamosa, she worked on the local newspaper that her husband published. After his death, she spent a number of years publishing her own magazine in Denver.

She eventually returned to Walsenburg and became very active in the local government. She worked as the secretary for the Huerfano County Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Sheldon also sat on the local hospital board for two years. In 2005 she won her mayoral bid in the small town, and worked tirelessly advancing Walsenburg's economic interests and the prominence of her city. The commitment she had to building her community through public service is inspiring.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize Edi Sheldon today. Her public service was exemplary and her presence can still be felt in the community.

A TRIBUTE TO EMILY MAYORGA,
29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2011

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in Honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our nation's most distinguished women during the month of March.

I stand today to pay tribute to Emily Mayorga of Alhambra. A successful career woman, Emily has always been a superb and selfless volunteer. From a very young age, Emily wanted to make a positive impact in her community. As a teenager, she volunteered at her Catholic church, and assisted her mother in numerous important projects. At the age of twelve, Emily began teaching Sunday school at the church. By, she had launched a program designed to teach adults in the church to read and write.

Emily was also committed to receiving a higher education. Upon graduating from high school, she attended California State University, Los Angeles, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. She continued her education at the University of Phoenix in Pasadena, and received a master's degree in Organizational Management.

Ms. Mayorga's career took shape at an early age. Her perseverance led her to attain various positions at the West San Gabriel Valley YMCA. What began as a summer job soon escalated into Emily holding the title of Associate General Director. After spending over two decades at the YMCA, she was hired as the Manager of Volunteers at the American Red Cross. Three years later, she was promoted to Human Resources Director. After working for the American Red Cross for four years, Emily was hired to work for the U.S. Department of Commerce/U.S. Census Bureau for one year as Assistant Manager for Recruiting. Ms. Mayorga supervised nearly twenty full-time employees, where her team recruited and tested over nine thousand individuals in the San Gabriel Valley for the 2010 Census.

Emily's accomplishments in the community are many. Ms. Mayorga joined the Soroptimist Club of Alhambra-San Gabriel-San Marino over a decade ago, and has served as President twice. From 1995 to 2000, Emily served as a spokesperson for the San Gabriel Valley United Way, and became a Board Member of the Alhambra Educational Foundation from 2004 to 2007. Currently, Emily serves as a delegate for the Soroptimist Club and as an Auxiliary Board Member for the Alhambra Retirement Community. Moreover, she is also a tireless volunteer for the Tzu-Chi Foundation and the Alhambra Public Library.

I ask all members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Emily Mayorga, for her exceptional service to the community.